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NATIONAL FIRE EQUIPMENT SYSTEM CACHE MEMORANDUM NO. 03-3

To: NFES National Incident Support Caches

From: Paul Naman, NFES Representative - NIFC

Subject: Credit for Boy's Axe, NFES #0352, NSN 5110-00-293-2339

Earlier this year several specification problems were identified with the Boy's Axe (NFES #0352) in Cache Memorandum #02-7. It was determined that these deficiencies present a potential safety hazard to users of the tool. Cache Memorandum #02-9 advised owners to remove the Boy's Axes from service and to not attempt repairs.

Owners who have identified deficient axes and removed them from service are eligible for credit from GSA. To receive this credit, please report the number of axes removed from service along with an applicable requisition number or Activity Address Code (FEDSTRIP Number). Your account will be credited accordingly and you can then dispose of the deficient axes locally. Deficient axes do not have to be returned to GSA.

Report deficient numbers to Ray Balli, GSA Fire Program Coordinator, email: ramon.balli@gsa.gov or facsimile (817) 978-3761. Upon his approval, the GSA National Customer Service Center in Kansas City, MO will be authorized to allow for credit. Customers can then reorder replacement Boy's Axes from GSA that meet current Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC) specifications.

For further information or clarification, contact Ray Balli, GSA Fire Program Coordinator, (817) 978-8637, email: ramon.balli@gsa.gov or Bill Hicks, GSA Technical Services Division, (817) 978-4428, email: william.hicks@gsa.gov.

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